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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,710,721
- AB United States Patent No. 5,710,706
- AC United States Patent No. 5,606,508
- AD United States Patent No. 5,490,077
- AE United States Patent No. 5,448,641
- AF United States Patent No. 4,606,003
- AG United States Patent No. 4,410,961
- AH United States Patent No. 4,138,735
- AL German OS 44 16 879
- AM German PS 38 23 719
- AN Canadian Patent 2,118,281
- AO European Application 0 775 984
- AP European Application 0 717 539

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AB, AC, AD, AE, AH and AM were identified and discussed at in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. All of those references are in English with the exception of Reference AM, for which an English translation is not readily available to the Applicant. In addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification, an English-language Abstract is attached to Reference AM.

Reference AB was also cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application, together with Reference AL, the German counterpart to Reference AN, and Reference AR. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicant, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto. Reference AR is merely a catalog page showing a commercially available serial switching box.

The German counterpart to Reference AA was cited by the European Patent Office during examination of the European application corresponding to the present United States application, together with References AF, AG AO and AP. All of those references are in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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